

Radio Stamps
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Hello again, and welcome to the first edition of *Radio Stamps* in 1993. A special welcome if you're listening to the program for the first time. This is program 27, and the subject today is radio listening on stamps. I also have another *Radio Stamps* winner to announce for the 1992 draw.

It's great to be back on the DX Partyline Program. I'm sorry there hasn't been a *Radio Stamps* feature since September. After a twenty year career in museums, I returned to university in the fall to pursue my interests in science education. I'm a full-time student this year in the Teacher Education Program, at the University of Ottawa. All my waking hours since September have been devoted to my university studies. There hasn't been much time for hobby interests, like my monthly *Radio Stamps* program, here on HCJB, or my quarterly *Radio Stamps* column in the Journal of the North American Shortwave Association. I'm happy to report that I have a few more hours of free time this term, and I'll be doing my best to keep *Radio Stamps* on the air each month, on the first Saturday of the month, here on the DX Partyline program of HCJB.

The highlight of my year for shortwave listening in 1992 was on October 23. I had that day circled on my calendar for the special broadcast, at 2000 hours UTC, from Radio St. Helena, on the island of St. Helena, in the south Atlantic Ocean between Africa and South America. I hope you were one of the lucky listeners around the world to hear that special broadcast, for the 25th anniversary of Radio St. Helena, on St. Helena Day.

It was certainly exciting to hear a new station and log a new country. What a thrill it was to listen in, during the earlier part of the transmission, to the local programming of Radio St. Helena that was being broadcast to the world on shortwave for that day only. One of my interests in listening to international radio is to learn more about the countries, cultures and peoples of the world. It was a rare treat to tune in to Radio St. Helena, and like many radio listeners around the world, I'm grateful to Tony Leo and the other staff at the station for that great listening opportunity. Today's *Radio Stamps* program is dedicated to Radio St. Helena, and subject today is radio listening.

I was also able to reach Radio St. Helena by telephone during the second broadcast at 2200 UTC. I didn't get on the air like some lucky callers, but Tony mentioned my name, and he passed along my collecting tip to other listeners about St. Helena's two distinctive radio stamps. These stamps combine my interests of radio listening, teaching, and using shortwave radio as an educational tool in the classroom. They're the only stamps that have been issued by St. Helena on the topic of radio. In my collection they're great souvenirs of the day I first heard Radio St. Helena. They'd certainly make great additions to your radio stamps collection.

The design of these two stamps, on the subject of radio listening, shows six children, behind a desk, listening to a schools broadcast from a radio receiver on a shelf above and behind the group. The design and multi-colouring of the two stamps is the same, although the denominations and dates of issue are different. The first was issued on November 4, 1968, as part of a set of 15 different stamps illustrating a variety of developments on St. Helena, from road construction to the new hospital ward. The denomination is 6d, that's d as in delta. The second stamp was issued on February 15, 1971, as part of a

set of 13 different stamps with the same designs as the 1968 set. The denomination is 3 1/2 p, that's p as in Peter. The Scott catalogue numbers of these radio listening stamps are 215 and 249. Radio plays a very important role on St. Helena, and it's not surprising that radio in the classroom is featured on stamps from St. Helena.

One of my teaching interests is shortwave radio in the classroom. I'd be glad to hear from others teachers around the world that use shortwave radio as an educational tool in their classroom. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

And now for the winner of the 1992 *Radio Stamps* draw. The names of all contributors to the program are entered in a draw, held once a year in December, to win radio stamps. Each time you contribute as a *Radio Stamps* reporter, with news or an example of a new issue, or find, your name is entered for the draw. Your contributions and your suggestions for improvements to the program are always welcome. The response to the *Radio Stamps* program from around the world has been great. Thank you to the many listeners who wrote in 1992. Your help is appreciated very much. Congratulations to today's winner, Rudi Eko Marwanto of Indonesia. Thank you Rudi for your contribution. A collection of radio stamps from around the world, including first day covers, is on its way to you by airmail.

The *Radio Stamps* program is sponsored by the North American Shortwave Association. The club is underwriting the costs of mailing this volunteer program to HCJB. The North American Shortwave Association has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. The club produces the monthly Journal, and *Radio Stamps* is featured as quarterly column with illustrations and collecting tips for postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations and other philatelic material on the topic of radio. If you'd like to write to the club, here's the address: North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, spelled L-e-v-i-t-t-o-w-n, in Pennsylvania, or PA for short. The zip code in the United States is 19507. The address again is the North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA, 19507, U.S.A.

That's all for today. I hope to hear from you in 1993 with *Radio Stamps* news. I hope too that you'll write to me if you're a teacher that uses shortwave radio as an educational tool in the classroom. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes in 1993 for good listening and collecting.